

UNOFFICIAL VERSION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

FORTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

The House met at 5:00 p.m. and was called to order by Mr. Speaker Sexton.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Reverend Charles Moffatt, First Presbyterian, Gallatin, TN.

Representative Lamberth led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Present..... 97

Representatives present were Baum, Beck, Boyd, Bricken, Byrd, Calfee, Camper, Carr, Carter, Casada, Cepicky, Chism, Clemmons, Cochran, Coley, Crawford, Curcio, Daniel, Dixie, Doggett, Dunn, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Freeman, Gant, Garrett, Griffey, Grills, Hakeem, Halford, Hall, Hardaway, Haston, Hawk, Hazlewood, Helton, Hicks, Hill M, Hill T, Hodges, Holsclaw, Holt, Howell, Hulse, Hurt, Jernigan, Johnson C, Johnson G, Keisling, Kumar, Lafferty, Lamar, Lamberth, Leatherwood, Littleton, Love, Lynn, Marsh, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Moon, Ogles, Parkinson, Potts, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Ramsey, Reedy, Rudd, Rudder, Russell, Sexton J, Shaw, Sherrell, Smith, Sparks, Staples, Stewart, Terry, Thompson, Tillis, Todd, Towns, Travis, Van Huss, Vaughan, Weaver, White, Whitson, Williams, Windle, Wright, Zachary, Mr. Speaker Sexton -- 97

EXCUSED

The Speaker announced that the following member has been excused, pursuant to request under **Rule No. 20**:

Representative DeBerry; personal

SPONSORS ADDED

Under **Rule No. 43**, the following members were permitted to add their names as sponsors as indicated below, the prime sponsor of each having agreed to such addition:

House Joint Resolution No. 741 Reps. Bricken, Littleton, Baum, Carter, Jernigan, Whitson, Powers, Haston, Kumar, Sparks and Helton as prime sponsors.

House Joint Resolution No. 779 Rep. Grills as prime sponsor.

House Joint Resolution No. 782 Rep. Hazlewood as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1855 Rep. Griffey as prime sponsor.

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House Bill No. 1972 Rep. Whitson as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1979 Rep. Griffey as prime sponsor.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
January 31, 2020

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the House, Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730 and 731; For the signature of the Speaker.

RUSSELL A. HUMPHREY, Chief Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
February 3, 2020

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to transmit to the House, Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 733, 753, 754, 755, 758, 760 and 761; adopted, for the House's action.

RUSSELL A. HUMPHREY, Chief Clerk

***Senate Joint Resolution No. 733** -- Memorials, Recognition - Rosemary Wigington. by *Southerland.

***Senate Joint Resolution No. 753** -- Memorials, Retirement - Battalion Chief Jimmy Jennings, Franklin Fire Department. by *Johnson.

***Senate Joint Resolution No. 754** -- Memorials, Recognition - Susan England, Ms. Tennessee Senior America 2019. by *Bailey.

***Senate Joint Resolution No. 755** -- Memorials, Personal Achievement - Kaleb Worthington, Eagle Scout. by *Haile.

***Senate Joint Resolution No. 758** -- Memorials, Death - Donald Ledford. by *Gardenhire, *Bell.

***Senate Joint Resolution No. 760** -- Memorials, Death - Lisa Powers Cooper. by *Kyle, *Akbari, *Bailey, *Bell, *Bowling, *Briggs, *Crowe, *Dickerson, *Gardenhire, *Gilmore, *Gresham, *Haile, *Hensley, *Jackson, *Johnson, *Kelsey, *Lundberg, *Massey, *Niceley, *Pody, *Powers, *Reeves, *Roberts, *Rose, *Southerland, *Stevens, *Swann, *Watson, *White, *Yager, *Yarbro, *McNally.

***Senate Joint Resolution No. 761** -- Memorials, Death - Carrie McLaughlin Gentry. by *Yarbro, *Gilmore, *Akbari, *Bailey, *Bell, *Bowling, *Briggs, *Crowe, *Dickerson, *Gardenhire, *Gresham, *Haile, *Hensley, *Jackson, *Johnson, *Kelsey, *Kyle, *Lundberg, *Massey, *Niceley, *Pody, *Powers, *Reeves, *Roberts, *Rose, *Southerland, *Stevens, *Swann, *Watson, *White, *Yager, *McNally.

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RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to **Rule No. 17**, the following resolutions were introduced and placed on the Consent Calendar for February 5, 2020:

House Resolution No. 210 -- Memorials, Recognition - Lisa Cripps, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award. by *Weaver.

House Resolution No. 211 -- Memorials, Professional Achievement - Emily McDonald, Redbank High School, Teacher of the Year. by *Hazlewood.

House Resolution No. 212 -- Memorials, Professional Achievement - Michelle Bailey, Thrasher Elementary School, Teacher of the Year. by *Hazlewood.

***House Joint Resolution No. 786** -- Memorials, Death - Sterling Haskel "Hack" Ayers. by *Powers.

***House Joint Resolution No. 747** -- Memorials, Death - Judge Harold Wimberly, Jr. by *Staples.

***House Joint Resolution No. 749** -- Memorials, Recognition - Cotton Stevenson. by *Coley.

***House Joint Resolution No. 750** -- Memorials, Retirement - Libba Nance. by *Coley.

***House Joint Resolution No. 751** -- Memorials, Recognition - Koto Sushi Bar and Keruma family. by *Coley.

***House Joint Resolution No. 787** -- Memorials, Recognition - Staff Sergeant Van Booth, U.S. Army (retired). by *Tillis.

***House Joint Resolution No. 788** -- Memorials, Recognition - Harley Thompson, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award. by *Tillis.

***House Joint Resolution No. 789** -- Memorials, Recognition - Stillbirth Awareness and Remembrance Day, October 12, 2020. by *Hill M.

***House Joint Resolution No. 790** -- Memorials, Recognition - Grand Ole Opry, 95th anniversary. by *Beck.

***House Joint Resolution No. 791** -- Memorials, Recognition - Ryman Auditorium. by *Beck.

***House Joint Resolution No. 792** -- Memorials, Recognition - Garth Brooks. by *Beck.

***House Joint Resolution No. 793** -- Memorials, Recognition - Martina McBride. by *Beck.

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***House Joint Resolution No. 794** -- Memorials, Recognition - City of Germantown, 2019 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. by *White.

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS
(Congratulatory and Memorializing)**

Pursuant to **Rule No. 17**, the resolutions listed were noted as being placed on the Consent Calendar for February 5, 2020:

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

On motion, the following bills were introduced and passed first consideration:

House Bill No. 2067 -- Food and Food Products - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Food Freedom Act." - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 43; Title 53 and Title 68. by *Lafferty.

***House Bill No. 2068** -- Education, Dept. of - As introduced, requires the department to create a pilot program of at least 40 hours of training for school resource officers; permits the department to contract with a private provider for the required training. - Amends TCA Title 38, Chapter 8 and Title 49. by *Moody.

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***House Bill No. 2069** -- Criminal Procedure - As introduced, adds the offenses of promoting the prostitution of a minor and patronizing prostitution from a person who is younger than 18 years of age or has an intellectual disability as sexual offenses for which a person may not qualify for judicial diversion. - Amends TCA Title 37; Title 39 and Title 40. by *Curcio.

House Bill No. 2070 -- University of Tennessee - As introduced, allows, under certain conditions, the advisory boards of the University of Tennessee institutions to meet electronically or by other means of communication without a physical quorum present at the location of the meeting given in the meeting notice; changes from April 15 to May 31 the date by which the faculty member and the student member must be appointed to a University of Tennessee institution advisory board. - Amends TCA Section 8-44-108; Section 49-9-501 and Section 49-7-151. by *Hawk.

***House Bill No. 2071** -- State Universities - As introduced, removes, for the board of trustees of each of the six state universities, the requirement that each of the boards file with the office of the secretary of state a determination of necessity allowing a quorum of its members to participate in a meeting by electronic or other means when a physical quorum is not present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 44; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 7. by *Hawk.

***House Bill No. 2072** -- Oakland - Subject to local approval, adds an alderman position to the board; requires the board to appoint a town manager as chief administrative officer; and sets purchasing limits by ordinance in accordance with state law. - Amends Chapter 167 of the Private Acts of 1994; and any other acts amendatory theret. by *Gant.

House Bill No. 2073 -- Education, Higher - As introduced, increases from \$1,000 to \$1,250, the amount awarded each semester to a full-time student receiving the middle college scholarship. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9. by *Powers.

House Bill No. 2074 -- Water Pollution - As introduced, reduces the time within which administrative enforcement decisions under the Water Quality Control Act must be published on the website of the department of environment and conservation from five business days to four business days. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 5; Title 11; Title 68 and Title 69. by *Powers.

House Bill No. 2075 -- Disabled Persons - As introduced, makes changes to the law concerning governmental entities, supported in whole or in part by the general assembly, purchasing services or commodities from the central nonprofit agency that works to provide individuals with severe disabilities competitive integrated employment opportunities. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 12; Title 50 and Title 71, Chapter 4, Part 7. by *Powers.

***House Bill No. 2076** -- Taxes, Privilege - As introduced, expands eligibility criteria for certain municipalities to be authorized to levy and impose certain additional privilege taxes within the corporate limits of the municipality. - Amends TCA Section 67-4-504. by *Powers.

House Bill No. 2077 -- Taxes, Sales - As introduced, opens eligibility to vote in a referendum on the levy of a local option sales tax by a county to all voters in the county, including city residents, even if the proposed levy is equal to or below the current tax levied in the city. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 7. by *Leatherwood.

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House Bill No. 2078 -- Hearing and Hearing Aids - As introduced, enacts the "Hearing Enhancement Aid Reimbursement (HEAR) Act." - Amends TCA Title 8 and Title 56, Chapter 7. by *Hodges.

***House Bill No. 2079** -- Sexual Offenders - As introduced, clarifies that the offense of indecent exposure does not include the knowing performance of an excretory function in a public place when performed without intent to abuse, torment, harass, or embarrass another person, or attain sexual arousal or gratification. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 40, Chapter 39. by *Powell.

House Bill No. 2080 -- Taxes, Exemption and Credits - As introduced, authorizes a franchise and excise tax credit equal to a percentage of the amount of human capital investment, which is defined as the amount incurred or paid by an employer for certain activities, including job training and work education programs. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 9; Title 50 and Title 67. by *Powell.

House Bill No. 2081 -- Child Custody and Support - As introduced, adds as a ground for termination of parental rights a finding by a court that a parent committed an act of nonconsensual sexual penetration from which act the child was conceived; gives the other parent standing to file a petition for termination of parental rights of the offending parent; includes a finding by a court that a parent committed an act of nonconsensual sexual penetration from which act the child was conceived as a basis for denial of custody, visitation, and inheritance rights. - Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 1 and Title 36, Chapter 6. by *Powell.

***House Bill No. 2082** -- Contractors - As introduced, allows a county, municipality, or school board to require a contractor to bond their subcontractor in order to ensure contractors of the subcontractor receive fair compensation for work completed. - Amends TCA Title 12; Title 50, Chapter 2 and Title 62, Chapter 6. by *Powell.

***House Bill No. 2083** -- TennCare - As introduced, expands the role of the office of inspector general to include an independent, nonpartisan office with the responsibility of ensuring that state officials and state employees meet the highest standards for integrity, efficiency, and accountability. - Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 25. by *Powell.

***House Bill No. 2084** -- Consumer Protection - As introduced, prohibits the sale, manufacture, and distribution of a product that contains asbestos. - Amends TCA Title 29; Title 47 and Title 68. by *Powell.

***House Bill No. 2085** -- Health Care - As introduced, removes obsolete language describing a polysomnographic professional standards committee that met annually from 2007-2010 to allow public discussion of new developments in the practice of polysomnography. - Amends TCA Title 63. by *Terry.

House Bill No. 2086 -- Private Investigators - As introduced, eliminates the restriction on the amount of apprentices a private investigator may have at one time. - Amends TCA Title 62, Chapter 26. by *Daniel.

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House Bill No. 2087 -- Alcoholic Beverages - As introduced, removes limit on number of retail stores a person may own; deletes "Unfair Wine Sales Law". - Amends TCA Section 57-3-406 and Title 57, Chapter 3, Part 9. by *Daniel.

***House Bill No. 2088** -- Public Funds and Financing - As introduced, authorizes the state treasurer to enter into agreements with any federal reserve bank, instead of a federal reserve member bank or trust company located in Tennessee, for the purpose of transferring public funds and funds of the Tennessee consolidated retirement system through the facilities of the federal reserve banking system. - Amends TCA Section 9-4-308. by *Travis.

House Bill No. 2089 -- Opioids - As introduced, requires commissioner of health and commissioner of mental health and substance abuse services to report to the speakers and the health committees on the impact of recent legislation reducing the abuse of opioids in this state. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 33; Title 34; Title 36; Title 37; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. by *Terry.

House Bill No. 2090 -- Hospitals and Health Care Facilities - As introduced, permits a rural health clinic to employ a physician if the employment relationship is evidenced by a written contract, job description, or documentation containing language that does not restrict the physician from exercising independent medical judgment in diagnosing and treating patients. - Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 6. by *Faison.

House Bill No. 2091 -- Criminal Offenses - As introduced, raises the penalty for the offense of voluntary manslaughter from a Class C felony to a Class B felony. - Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40. by *Hulsey.

***House Bill No. 2092** -- Taxes, Privilege - As introduced, changes the purposes for which surplus revenues collected from the privilege tax on contracted vehicles exiting the Nashville International Airport may be used from a reserve fund for future debt service to the general fund of the county for any county purpose. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 4, Part 2. by *Jernigan.

House Bill No. 2093 -- Children's Services, Dept. of - As introduced, requires the department to publish the guidelines for the best practices for identifying and reporting signs of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and human trafficking in which the victim is a child on the department's website. - Amends TCA Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 71. by *Hakeem.

House Bill No. 2094 -- Redistricting, Legislative - As introduced, imposes public notice and public input requirements on a redistricting committee and upon consideration of a final redistricting plan. - Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 16, Part 1 and Title 3. by *Hakeem.

***House Bill No. 2095** -- County Government - As introduced, removes employees of the board of education and highway commission from the list of officials who are prohibited from having a financial interest in the purchase of any supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services by the county under the County Financial Management System of 1981. - Amends TCA Section 5-21-121. by *Rudder.

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House Bill No. 2096 -- Children - As introduced, changes the time period for an LEA to provide proof of a child's graduation from high school to the department of human services, the department's contractor, or either of the child's parents from within 20 business days to within 10 business days of a written request. - Amends TCA Title 36 and Title 37. by *Rudder.

***House Bill No. 2097** -- State Government - As introduced, requires the attorney general and reporter, on behalf of state entities which it represents in lawsuits involving constitutional questions or sums in excess of \$1 million or more, to notify the governor, each speaker of the general assembly, and certain committees and members of the general assembly. - Amends TCA Title 3; Title 4; Title 8 and Title 29, Chapter 20. by *Lafferty.

***House Bill No. 2098** -- Administrative Procedure (UAPA) - As introduced, clarifies that attorney fees may be recovered by parties seeking judicial review of contested case hearings. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 5. by *Lafferty.

***House Bill No. 2099** -- Boards and Commissions - As introduced, authorizes state agencies attached to the division of regulatory boards and the division of health-related boards to conduct emergency meetings by teleconference when called by the presiding officer or upon petition by a majority of the members of such agencies. - Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 44, Part 1; Title 62 and Title 63. by *Lafferty.

***House Bill No. 2100** -- Prisons and Reformatory Institutions - As introduced, requires correctional institutions to provide postpartum prisoners access to breast pumps to express milk, provide sanitary storage for the expressed milk, and allow for visits to enable breastfeeding or for the timely collection of the stored milk by members of the prisoner's family. - Amends TCA Title 41, Chapter 21, Part 2. by *Johnson G.

***House Bill No. 2101** -- Workers Compensation - As introduced, allows advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to be included on the panel that an injured employee chooses from to receive treatment in a workers' compensation case. - Amends TCA Title 50, Chapter 6. by *Russell.

***House Bill No. 2102** -- Education, Higher - As introduced, authorizes a registered student at a public institution of higher education to carry a handgun in a concealed manner on property owned, operated, or controlled by that institution if the student is a handgun carry permit holder and otherwise in compliance with state law. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 49. by *Bricken.

***House Bill No. 2103** -- Handgun Permits - As introduced, extends the validity of a concealed handgun carry permit from eight years from the date of issuance to the lifetime of the permit holder; increases the application fee for a concealed handgun carry permit from \$65 to \$75. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13. by *Bricken.

House Bill No. 2104 -- Finance and Administration, Dept. of - As introduced, creates the Tennessee violence intervention program within the department's office of criminal justice programs to invest in evidence-based violence reduction initiatives. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 38, Chapter 6; Title 39 and Title 40. by *Love.

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***House Bill No. 2105** -- Board of Regents - As introduced, revises a provision relating to the level and intended recipients of occupational training and technical education provided by state colleges of applied technology; deletes provisions relating to the creation of certain staff positions for vocational-technical education. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 11, Part 4. by *White.

***House Bill No. 2106** -- Tourism - As introduced, clarifies that accounting and legal services are exempted from the fee on sales of services and tangible personal property within central business improvement districts within tourism development zones. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 88 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 30. by *White.

House Bill No. 2107 -- Education, Higher - As introduced, adds William R. Moore College of Technology as an eligible institution for receipt of the Tennessee reconnect and dual enrollment grants. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4. by *White.

***House Bill No. 2108** -- Firearms and Ammunition - As introduced, allows law enforcement officers to carry handguns in posted areas under certain circumstances. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17. by *White.

House Bill No. 2109 -- Economic and Community Development - As introduced, enacts the "Healthy Food Financing Act." - Amends TCA Title 4. by *White.

***House Bill No. 2110** -- Highways, Roads and Bridges - As introduced, authorizes the use of surveillance cameras on interstate highways for aiding law enforcement with criminal investigations only. - Amends TCA Title 55. by *White.

***House Bill No. 2111** -- Tourism - As introduced, increases from 10 percent to 15 percent, the percentage of qualified voters who must sign a petition filed with the county election commission within 30 days of final approval of an ordinance by the municipal legislative body levying a privilege tax on sales in business activity in a qualified public use facility and in tourism development zones in order for the county election commission to call an election on the question of whether or not the privilege tax should be levied. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 88, Part 1 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 30. by *White.

***House Bill No. 2112** -- Education, Higher - As introduced, requires each institution governed by the board of regents or a state university board to make the grievance procedure for its support staff employees available on its website. - Amends TCA Title 49. by *Vaughan.

***House Bill No. 2113** -- Handgun Permits - As introduced, requires the acceptance of enhanced handgun carry permits and concealed handgun carry permits as valid forms of government-issued photo identification the same as a driver license for purposes of access to goods, services, and facilities. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 55, Chapter 50. by *Grills.

House Bill No. 2114 -- Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, increases age of persons allowed to use tobacco and smoking hemp products from 18 years of age to 21 years of age; requires licensure for the retail sale of tobacco products; levies a tax on electronic smoking device cartridges. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 29; Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 39, Chapter 15; Title 43; Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 10 and Title 68. by *Smith.

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***House Bill No. 2115** -- Alcoholic Beverages - As introduced, designates Sand Creek Farm in Bedford County as a premier type tourist resort for purposes of consuming alcoholic beverages on the premises. - Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 4, Part 1. by *Marsh.

***House Bill No. 2116** -- Taxes - As introduced, requires the commissioner of revenue to, on a monthly basis, compile and transmit to the chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of both houses, in addition to the appropriate licensing board or agency, a list of taxpayers who are delinquent 90 days or more from the due date of the professional privilege tax. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 4. by *Garrett.

***House Bill No. 2117** -- Public Funds and Financing - As introduced, increases the number of days the treasurer has to publish notice of a default or insolvency of a qualified public depository from 30 to 45 days from the date of such default or insolvency. - Amends TCA Title 9. by *Garrett.

House Bill No. 2118 -- Taxes, Privilege - As introduced, exempts from the professional privilege tax physicians who are retired from practice, but hold an active license for the provision of free healthcare services. - Amends TCA Title 33; Title 63; Title 67 and Title 68. by *Eldridge.

House Bill No. 2119 -- Correctional Programs - As introduced, expands TRICOR's authorization to develop joint ventures with the private sector to include joint ventures with nonprofit businesses and governmental entities. - Amends TCA Section 41-22-116. by *Eldridge.

House Bill No. 2120 -- Correctional Programs - As introduced, authorizes TRICOR to enter contractual agreements with counties and cities to provide work training programs for prisoners incarcerated in county and city jails. - Amends TCA Title 41, Chapter 22, Part 4. by *Eldridge.

***House Bill No. 2121** -- Taxes - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Local Education Capital Investment Act." - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6. by *Baum.

***House Bill No. 2122** -- Local Education Agencies - As introduced, creates the Tennessee rapid growth school district fund from which capital improvement grants are to be awarded in fiscal year 2020-2021 to LEAs experiencing rapidly growing student populations. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 67, Chapter 6. by *Baum.

House Bill No. 2123 -- Basic Education Program (BEP) - As introduced, increases the number of BEP funded full-time public school nurse positions from one for every 3,000 students to one for every 2,500 students. - Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 12. by *Baum.

House Bill No. 2124 -- Taxes - As introduced, increases maximum civil penalty for submitting a fraudulent application for a refund of sales tax paid on appliances bought due to a natural disaster from \$25,000 to \$25,500. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12 and Title 67. by *Baum.

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***House Bill No. 2125** -- Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, changes, from February 1 to March 1, the date by which the department of revenue must report findings and recommendations regarding sales taxes collected on electronic nicotine delivery devices to the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives and the chairs of the respective finance, ways and means committees. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 47; Title 67 and Title 68. by *Ogles.

***House Bill No. 2126** -- Evidence - As introduced, requires a local law enforcement agency to submit a sexual assault evidence collection kit to the state crime lab or other similar qualified laboratory for testing within 45 days of a victim filing a police report, rather than within 60 days. - Amends TCA Title 38, Chapter 6 and Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5. by *Ogles.

***House Bill No. 2127** -- Taxes, Sales - As introduced, changes, from February 1 to February 15, the date by which the department of revenue must report findings and recommendations regarding sales taxes collected on electronic nicotine delivery devices to the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives and the chairs of the respective finance, ways and means committees. - Amends TCA Title 67. by *Ogles.

***House Bill No. 2128** -- Highways, Roads and Bridges - As introduced, defines historic roads in this state as roads that have historical or cultural significance in the settlement or development of this state or are historically important on a local, regional, or state level; permits the department of transportation to designate such roads; permits the commissioner or a county legislative body to establish weight limits on a historic road without conducting an engineering study. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 54 and Title 55. by *Ogles.

***House Bill No. 2129** -- Metropolitan Government - As introduced, authorizes, instead of requires, metropolitan government to furnish to the department of revenue a certified copy of a resolution designating a central business improvement district. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 88 and Title 67. by *Powell.

House Bill No. 2130 -- Education, Higher - As introduced, declares an act of the general assembly enacted after January 1, 2020, that mandates a discount or waiver of the tuition or fees charged at public institutions of higher education unenforceable against an institution affected by the act unless the general assembly annually appropriates a sum sufficient to fully fund the discount or waiver program at the institution; requires each public institution of higher education to report certain information concerning discount and waiver programs. - Amends TCA Title 8 and Title 49. by *Crawford.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

On motion, bills listed below passed second consideration and were referred by the Speaker to Committee or held on the Clerk's desk as noted:

***House Bill No. 1996** -- Child Labor -- House Caption Bills Held on Desk

***House Bill No. 1997** -- Juries and Jurors -- House Judiciary Committee

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***House Bill No. 1998** -- Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, Dept. of -- House Health Committee

House Bill No. 1999 -- Education -- House Education Committee

***House Bill No. 2000** -- Taxes, Tobacco, Tobacco Products -- House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

***House Bill No. 2001** -- Budget Procedures -- House Education Committee

***House Bill No. 2002** -- Education -- House Education Committee

***House Bill No. 2003** -- Criminal Procedure -- House Judiciary Committee

***House Bill No. 2004** -- Death -- House Commerce Committee

***House Bill No. 2005** -- Tennessee Fish & Wildlife Commission -- House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

***House Bill No. 2006** -- Insurance, Health, Accident -- House Caption Bills Held on Desk

***House Bill No. 2007** -- Public Records -- House State Committee

***House Bill No. 2008** -- Criminal Offenses -- House Judiciary Committee

***House Bill No. 2009** -- Criminal Offenses -- House Judiciary Committee

***House Bill No. 2010** -- County Government -- House Local Committee

***House Bill No. 2011** -- Education -- House Caption Bills Held on Desk

House Bill No. 2012 -- Dentists and Dentistry -- House Health Committee

***House Bill No. 2013** -- Local Government, General -- House Caption Bills Held on Desk

House Bill No. 2014 -- Veterans -- House Caption Bills Held on Desk

House Bill No. 2015 -- Taxes, Sales -- House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

***House Bill No. 2016** -- State Government -- House State Committee

***House Bill No. 2017** -- Education, Dept. of -- House Education Committee

***House Bill No. 2018** -- Hospitals and Health Care Facilities -- House Health Committee

***House Bill No. 2019** -- Hospitals and Health Care Facilities -- House Health Committee

***House Bill No. 2020** -- Transportation, Dept. of -- House Judiciary Committee

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***House Bill No. 2021** -- Basic Education Program (BEP) -- House Education Committee

***House Bill No. 2022** -- Taxes -- House Local Committee

House Bill No. 2023 -- Firearms and Ammunition -- House Judiciary Committee

House Bill No. 2024 -- Public Employees -- House State Committee

House Bill No. 2025 -- Basic Education Program (BEP) -- House Education Committee

House Bill No. 2026 -- Basic Education Program (BEP) -- House Education Committee

House Bill No. 2027 -- Handgun Permits -- House Judiciary Committee

***House Bill No. 2028** -- Beer -- House Local Committee

House Bill No. 2029 -- Metropolitan Government -- House Local Committee

House Bill No. 2030 -- Comptroller, State -- House Education Committee

***House Bill No. 2031** -- Education -- House Education Committee

House Bill No. 2032 -- Taxes, Sales -- House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

House Bill No. 2033 -- Public Funds and Financing -- House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

House Bill No. 2034 -- Controlled Substances -- House Judiciary Committee

House Bill No. 2035 -- Election Laws -- House Local Committee

House Bill No. 2036 -- Human Services, Dept. of -- House Health Committee

House Bill No. 2037 -- Criminal Procedure -- House Judiciary Committee

House Bill No. 2038 -- Salaries and Benefits -- House Consumer and Human Resources Committee

House Bill No. 2039 -- TennCare -- House Insurance Committee

House Bill No. 2040 -- Industrial Development -- House Caption Bills Held on Desk

House Bill No. 2041 -- Industrial Development -- House Local Committee

***House Bill No. 2042** -- Law Enforcement -- House State Committee

***House Bill No. 2043** -- Pensions and Retirement Benefits -- House State Committee

***House Bill No. 2044** -- Insurance, Motor Vehicles -- House Insurance Committee

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House Bill No. 2045 -- Pensions and Retirement Benefits -- House State Committee

House Bill No. 2046 -- Criminal Offenses -- House Judiciary Committee

House Bill No. 2047 -- Carter County -- House Local Committee

House Bill No. 2048 -- Real Property -- House Local Committee

***House Bill No. 2049** -- Insurance, Health, Accident -- House Insurance Committee

House Bill No. 2050 -- Therapists, Physical and Occupational -- House Health Committee

***House Bill No. 2051** -- Basic Education Program (BEP) -- House Education Committee

***House Bill No. 2052** -- Taxes, Sales -- House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

***House Bill No. 2053** -- Cooperatives -- House Commerce Committee

House Bill No. 2054 -- Controlled Substances -- House Consumer and Human Resources Committee

***House Bill No. 2055** -- Tobacco, Tobacco Products -- House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

***House Bill No. 2056** -- Taxes, Real Property -- House Local Committee

***House Bill No. 2057** -- Tobacco, Tobacco Products -- House Health Committee

***House Bill No. 2058** -- County Government -- House Local Committee

***House Bill No. 2059** -- Education -- House Education Committee

***House Bill No. 2060** -- Tennessee Housing Development Agency -- House Local Committee

House Bill No. 2061 -- Driver Licenses -- House Transportation Committee

***House Bill No. 2062** -- Board of Regents -- House Education Committee

House Bill No. 2063 -- Agriculture -- House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

House Bill No. 2064 -- Alcoholic Beverage Commission -- House State Committee

***House Bill No. 2065** -- Commerce and Insurance, Dept. of -- House Insurance Committee

House Bill No. 2066 -- Juvenile Offenders -- House State Committee

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REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

The committees that met on **February 3, 2020**, reported the following:

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

The Government Operations Committee Consent Calendar recommended for passage: House Bills Nos. 1725, 1731, 1748, 1753, 1759, 1761, 1766, 1767, 1775, 1782 and 1787. Under the rules, each was transmitted to the Calendar and Rules Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

***House Joint Resolution No. 782** -- Memorials, Recognition - Charles H. Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center. by *Smith, *Carter, *Helton, *Hakeem, *Hazlewood.

***House Joint Resolution No. 783** -- Memorials, Recognition - Bellis May, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award. by *Byrd.

***House Joint Resolution No. 784** -- Memorials, Recognition - Barbara Hinson, Governor's Volunteer Stars Award. by *Byrd.

***House Joint Resolution No. 785** -- Memorials, Recognition - Sibyl Haggard, Governor's Volunteer Stars. by *Byrd.

Pursuant to **Rule No. 50**, Rep. Zachary moved that all House Bills having companion Senate Bills and are on the Clerk's desk be conformed and substituted for the appropriate House Bill, all Senate Joint Resolutions confirming appointments on the Clerk's desk be substituted for House Joint Resolutions confirming the same appointments, all Senate and House Bills on the Consent Calendar be passed on third and final consideration, all House Resolutions and House Joint Resolutions be adopted, and all Senate Joint Resolutions on the Consent Calendar be concurred in, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes	91
Noes.....	0

Representatives voting aye were: Baum, Beck, Boyd, Bricken, Byrd, Calfee, Carr, Carter, Casada, Cepicky, Chism, Clemmons, Cochran, Coley, Crawford, Curcio, Daniel, Dixie, Doggett, Dunn, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Freeman, Gant, Garrett, Griffey, Grills, Hakeem, Halford, Hall, Hardaway, Haston, Hawk, Hazlewood, Helton, Hicks, Hill M, Hill T, Hodges, Holsclaw, Holt, Howell, Hulsey, Hurt, Jernigan, Johnson C, Johnson G, Keisling, Kumar, Lafferty, Lamar, Lamberth, Leatherwood, Littleton, Love, Lynn, Marsh, Miller, Moon, Ogles, Parkinson, Potts, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Ramsey, Reedy, Rudd, Rudder, Russell, Sexton J, Shaw, Sherrell, Smith, Terry, Thompson, Tillis, Todd, Towns, Travis, Van Huss, Vaughan, Weaver, White, Whitson, Williams, Windle, Wright, Zachary, Mr. Speaker Sexton--91

A motion to reconsider was tabled.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS WITHDRAWN

On motion of Rep. Dixie, **House Bill No. 1823** was recalled from the Health Committee and withdrawn from the House.

On motion of Rep. Marsh, **House Bill No. 1874** was recalled from the State Committee and withdrawn from the House.

On motion of Rep. Hazlewood, **House Bill No. 1924** was recalled from the Education Committee and withdrawn from the House.

On motion of Rep. Hazlewood, **House Bill No. 1128** was recalled from the Judiciary Committee and withdrawn from the House.

On motion of Rep. Hawk, **House Bill No. 2070** was withdrawn from the House.

On motion of Rep. Hawk, **House Bill No. 2071** was withdrawn from the House.

On motion of Rep. Ogles, **House Bill No. 2133** was withdrawn from the House.

On motion of Rep. Ogles, **House Bill No. 2127** was withdrawn from the House.

On motion of Rep. Daniel, **House Bill No. 1792** was recalled from the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and withdrawn from the House.

On motion of Rep. Daniel, **House Bill No. 2086** was withdrawn from the House.

MOTION TO PLACE BILL ON CALENDAR

Rep. Lamberth moved that **House Joint Resolution No. 678** be placed on the Education Committee Calendar for this week, which motion prevailed.

BILLS WITHDRAWN

On motion of Rep. Williams, **House Bill No. 2049** was recalled from the Insurance Committee and withdrawn from the House.

BILL RE-REFERRED

Pursuant to Rule No. **83(2)**, the following bills, having been returned to the Clerk's desk, were re-referred to the following Committee by the Speaker:

House Bill No. 121 -- Consumer Protection -- House Consumer and Human Resource Committee

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House Bill No. 1131 -- Bail, Bail Bonds -- House Judiciary Committee

House Bill No. 1207 -- Human Services, Dept. of -- House State Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPORTS FILED

The DCS Annual Report for FY 2018-2019 and the DCS Evidence - Based Treatment and Probation Report have been filed with the Clerk's office and are available for review.

SPONSORS ADDED

Under **Rule No. 43**, the following members were permitted to add their names as sponsors as indicated below, the prime sponsor of each having agreed to such addition:

House Joint Resolution No. 673 Rep. Garrett as prime sponsor.

House Joint Resolution No. 748 Rep. Powers as prime sponsor.

House Joint Resolution No. 779 Rep. Carr as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 497 Reps. Kumar and Lynn as prime sponsors.

House Bill No. 600 Rep. Cepicky as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1175 Rep. Jernigan as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1584 Reps. Griffey and Eldridge as prime sponsors.

House Bill No. 1608 Rep. Keisling as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1624 Rep. Griffey as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1691 Rep. Griffey as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1692 Rep. Griffey as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1697 Reps. Griffey and Staples as prime sponsors.

House Bill No. 1699 Rep. Cepicky as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1795 Rep. Griffey as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1834 Rep. Griffey as prime sponsor.

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House Bill No. 1835 Rep. Griffey as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1883 Rep. Lamberth as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1890 Rep. Ramsey as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1892 Rep. Griffey as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 1931 Rep. M. Hill as prime sponsor.

House Bill No. 2135 Rep. Lamberth as Second prime sponsor.

SPONSORS REMOVED

On Motion, Rep. Jernigan was removed as sponsor of **House Joint Resolution No. 741**.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
February 3, 2020**

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the House, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 708, 709, 728, 729, 730 and 731; concurred in by the Senate.

RUSSELL A. HUMPHREY, Chief Clerk

**ENROLLED BILLS
February 3, 2020**

MR. SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully compared House Joint Resolution No. 702; and find same correctly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the Speakers.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

**SIGNED
February 3, 2020**

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: House Joint Resolution No. 702.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
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MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Governor to return herewith: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 1, 656, 685, 688, 689, 691, 692, 694, 697, 698, 699, 700 and 701; with his approval.

LANG WISEMAN, Deputy and Counsel to the Governor

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
February 3, 2020**

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the House, House Joint Resolution No. 702; signed by the Speaker.

RUSSELL A. HUMPHREY, Chief Clerk

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
February 3, 2020**

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed to return to the House, House Joint Resolution No. 766; concurred in by the Senate.

RUSSELL A. HUMPHREY, Chief Clerk

**ENROLLED BILLS
February 3, 2020**

MR. SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully compared House Joint Resolution No. 766; and find same correctly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the Speakers.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

**SIGNED
February 3, 2020**

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: House Joint Resolution No. 766.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

**SIGNED
February 3, 2020**

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: House Bill No. 874.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

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MR. SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have carefully compared House Joint Resolutions Nos. 703, 704, 705, 706, 708, 709, 728, 729, 730 and 731; and find same correctly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the Speakers.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

SIGNED
February 3, 2020

The Speaker announced that he had signed the following: House Joint Resolutions Nos. 703, 704, 705, 706, 708, 709, 728, 729, 730 and 731.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGROSSING CLERK
February 3, 2020

MR. SPEAKER: Your Chief Engrossing Clerk begs leave to report that we have transmitted to the Governor the following: House Joint Resolution No. 702; for his action.

GREG GLASS, Chief Engrossing Clerk

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken with the following results:

Present..... 97

Representatives present were Baum, Beck, Boyd, Bricken, Byrd, Calfee, Camper, Carr, Carter, Casada, Cepicky, Chism, Clemmons, Cochran, Coley, Crawford, Curcio, Daniel, Dixie, Doggett, Dunn, Eldridge, Faison, Farmer, Freeman, Gant, Garrett, Griffey, Grills, Hakeem, Halford, Hall, Hardaway, Haston, Hawk, Hazlewood, Helton, Hicks, Hill M, Hill T, Hodges, Holsclaw, Holt, Howell, Hulsey, Hurt, Jernigan, Johnson C, Johnson G, Keisling, Kumar, Lafferty, Lamar, Lamberth, Leatherwood, Littleton, Love, Lynn, Marsh, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Moon, Ogles, Parkinson, Potts, Powell, Powers, Ragan, Ramsey, Reedy, Rudd, Rudder, Russell, Sexton J, Shaw, Sherrell, Smith, Sparks, Staples, Stewart, Terry, Thompson, Tillis, Todd, Towns, Travis, Van Huss, Vaughan, Weaver, White, Whitson, Williams, Windle, Wright, Zachary, Mr. Speaker Sexton -- 97

RECESS

On motion of Rep. Lamberth, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 779 the House stood in a brief recess prior to joining the Senate in Joint Convention to hear Governor Lee's

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State of the State Address at the conclusion of which the House stood in recess until 9:00 a.m.,
Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

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**IN JOINT CONVENTION
STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

The hour having arrived, set by Senate Joint Resolution No. 779, the Senate met with the House in Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the State of the State Address from Governor Bill Lee.

The Joint Convention was called to order by Mr. Speaker McNally, President of the Joint Convention.

PRESENT IN CHAMBER

Rep. Cooper was recorded as being present in the Chamber.

GAVEL TO SPEAKER SEXTON

President McNally relinquished the gavel to Speaker Sexton.

GAVEL TO SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE DUNN

Speaker Sexton relinquished the gavel to Speaker Pro Tempore Dunn.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the roll call of the Senate was dispensed with.

On motion of Representative Lamberth, the roll call for the House was dispensed with.

Thereupon, the Clerk of the Senate read Senate Joint Resolution No. 779, authorizing the Joint Convention.

Senator Johnson moved that the President of the Joint Convention appoint a Committee composed of five members from the Senate and five members from the House of Representatives to notify the Governor that the Joint Convention is in session and awaiting his arrival.

Mr. President Dunn appointed Senators Lundberg, Kyle, Powers, Reeves, Swann; Representatives Hazlewood, Weaver, Rudder, Helton and Lamar. Senator Lundberg served as Chair of the Committee.

BRIEF RECESS

Without objection, Mr. President Dunn moved that the Joint Convention stand in recess pending the arrival of Governor Bill Lee.

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RECESS EXPIRED

The recess having expired, the Joint Convention was called to order by Mr. President Dunn.

Mr. President Dunn recognized Senator Lundberg at the entrance of the House Chamber, who stated "Mr. President Dunn, the escort committee is proud to welcome Bill Lee, 50th Governor of the State of Tennessee."

Mr. President Dunn asked the Committee to escort Governor Bill Lee to the podium.

Mr. President Dunn stated, "Members of the General Assembly, it is my distinguished honor to present to you the Honorable Bill Lee, Governor of the Great State of Tennessee."

**STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS
BY GOVERNOR BILL LEE
TENNESSEE CAN LEAD THE NATION
FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

Thank you very much.

Lieutenant Governor McNally, Speaker Sexton, Speaker Pro Tem Haile, Speaker Pro Tem Dunn, Members of the 111th General Assembly, Constitutional Officers, Justices, fellow Tennesseans:

It is an honor to be before you once again tonight. Truly an honor.

Before I begin, Speaker Sexton, let me offer special congratulations to you on your election as our new Speaker.

I am looking forward to working with you not only in this session but in the years ahead as we strive to make Tennessee a leader in this country.

Last year, I stood before you at this podium, newly inaugurated as the 50th Governor of Tennessee. And I had no idea what I was getting myself into. It has been a rewarding year, far more rewarding than I could have ever imagined.

To serve Tennesseans, to help make their lives better, to help give them a better education, to recruit good jobs, and to help make our state a leader in the country, it has been a humbling and an honorable experience for sure.

To serve with you, the men and women of the General Assembly, has been a tremendous honor as well.

Thank you for your outpouring of support for me during this first year, it means an awful lot to me and to Maria.

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With all of the noise in our world these days, whether it comes from Washington, or New York, or Hollywood, I can stand right here, and I can't help but look across this room in Tennessee and be inspired.

Inspired by every man and woman in this chamber who sacrifices much and who are dedicated to their beliefs and to the service of their neighbors.

Thank you for what you do, and I look forward to working with everyone of you, alongside each one of you this session and in the years ahead as we also together take this state to a place where she's a leader in the country.

Our state also has another dedicated servant here in this room tonight – our First Lady Maria Lee.

She has been advocating tirelessly in the past year, launching her Tennessee Serves initiative and encouraging her fellow Tennesseans to join her in serving our neighbors.

She's hit the ground running, and Tennesseans have gotten to know what I've known for a long time.

Maria, I love you, and we are fortunate to have you as our First Lady.

Many of my family members are here as well. Thank you for being here. I'm especially proud that my mom, Ann Lee, is here. You have served me all my life, and I'm proud that you're here again tonight. Thank you.

As I begin, I'd also like to thank my cabinet and my staff.

I am proud of you all and the high level of expertise and dedication that you lend to the people of Tennessee each day.

Thank you for your hard work - keep it going - Tennessee is counting on you.

Serving as your governor over the past year, I have seen a lot of good that we can be proud of. In 2019, for the first time, we were time named the number one best fiscally managed state in America.

We've been named as the best business climate in the country.

Number one in the U.S. for advanced industry job growth, the best state for small business growth.

In the past year, this state has garnered 108 commitments to create 16,500 jobs and \$3.6 billion of capital investment in Tennessee.

And while we still have more work to do on rural economic development, I'm proud to say that half of these commitments were made in rural counties.

This year, Mitsubishi, FedEx-Logistics, JNJ, Pilot.com, Hyosung, Amazon, Smile Direct, Icee, and dozens of other companies made expansions in or relocations to Tennessee.

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We are the envy of many states.

We're not just being noticed by our fellow southern states but we're gaining recognition from all across the country.

Over the last year, I visited every county in our state for the third time, and every place I went, I saw Tennesseans working to make our state better.

Tonight, we celebrate the state of our state we gather to celebrate that and discuss ways to continue our momentum, but you and I know the successes we enjoy belong to the 6.8 million hard-working Tennesseans who sent us here.

We work for the people of Tennessee, and when you get back to your districts this weekend, you can tell your bosses, the people, that: I've seen it with my own eyes, the state of our state is healthy and strong. So, let's work to keep it that way.

I'm proud of what we accomplished together in this last year, and I'm excited about what's to come.

In education, we made our kids in our schools safer when we invested 30 million new dollars to support school safety and resource officers.

As you know, we launched two major school choice initiatives this year as well.

Our first independent charter school authorizer will ensure quality oversight and accountability for our state's public charter schools.

We created the Tennessee Education Savings Account, which will serve low-income students in districts with the highest number of low-performing schools.

Disruption is hard and sometimes it's controversial.

But we cannot expect extraordinarily different outcomes without extraordinarily different inputs, so I'm proud of these initiatives, and I'm looking forward to their success.

That said, the vast majority of our students are educated in traditional public schools, and the majority of our efforts must remain focused there.

Through my travels this year, I've been in dozens of schools across Tennessee from one end to the other.

I always learn something whenever I visit with students. But, when I visit with teachers, I'm inspired. In this building, we work hard to develop student-centered education policies, but out there in the classrooms is where it happens.

We make it law, but teachers make it happen.

No teacher I know does it only for the pay, but we do know a worker is worthy of their pay.

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Teaching is a calling.

We know it is passion that brings teachers to the classroom, but we also know that our teachers deserve to be paid more for the important work they do.

Last year, I proposed, and you approved, more than \$70 million to support increases in teacher salaries.

This year, I'm proposing the largest investment in K-12 teacher salaries in Tennessee history. I thought you might be excited about that. My budget sets aside \$117 million additional dollars for teachers, an amount equal to a 4% increase in the state's contribution to teacher salaries.

We must also work harder to make teaching a more attractive profession for young people. We know that our new teacher numbers are dropping.

As our economy becomes more competitive for jobs, investing in workforce development must include the next generation of teachers.

Over the next two years, we will recommend moving minimum salary schedule for teachers from \$36,000 to \$40,000, so that no Tennessee teacher is making less than \$40,000 per year.

This change to the salary schedule will reward teachers across the state while also making the teaching profession even more appealing to young people considering the high call of becoming an educator.

This year, we'll apply to create an AP education teaching course and launch a new series of grants to district "Grow-Your-Own" programs that support the development of a future teacher as early as high school.

We're also taking the "Grow-Your-Own" concept one step further.

My budget includes \$8.5 million to support the launch of the Governor's Teaching Fellowship, an initiative that will, in conjunction with Tennessee Promise, provide a college scholarship for over 1,000 of our best and brightest as they train to become teachers.

One of the reasons we're making these investments is because, when it comes to educating our children, there may be nothing more important than recruiting, retaining, and training educators, the best educators in America, right here in Tennessee.

To our higher education leaders, I want to thank you for the work you've put in these last several years to improve how we train the next generation of teachers.

But we cannot afford to rest on our laurels.

That's why our Department of Education will be working much more closely with our schools of education, to ensure that our approach to training teachers is the best in the nation.

In that spirit, I'm excited to announce a first of its kind competition to develop the best teacher preparation program in the world, right here in Tennessee.

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The Tennessee Teacher and Leader Institute will solicit proposals from across the country to help launch a new initiative that will build the best educator preparation program in the country.

Make no mistake: we will do whatever it takes to make Tennessee the best state in the country to be a student, and that means making Tennessee the best place in America to be a teacher.

That means better pay, as we've said, but it also means better training and professional support, so that our teachers can perform at the top of their trade.

We're investing \$4 million to support professional development opportunities for school leaders and innovative career advancement for our best-performing teachers.

One thing we hear as I travel across the state, on thing that we hear from teachers, is that many students arrive at school with a host of personal and family issues that classroom teachers just don't have the bandwidth to handle.

It creates a nightmare for the teacher - when a student is struggling, they can either stop the learning process for everyone else in the classroom to help that one student or ignore that student's needs.

Indeed, our mental health challenges in schools are not just anecdotal. The data supports our concerns.

One in five children has a mental health diagnosis in a given year, 60% of children who receive mental health services do so in schools.

The youth suicide rate increased 56% in last decade, making it the second leading cause of death among young people age 10-24.

Scores of teachers and principals, as well as our education commissioner, have pleaded for reinforcements from the state to help schools tackle the mental health and other challenges that students bring with them into the classroom.

Tonight, that help is on the way.

First, we're expanding our outreach capacity of our Department of Mental Health, growing our school-based behavioral health liaison program from 36 counties to all 95 counties.

Second, I'm proposing the creation of a new reserve: a K-12 Mental Health Trust Fund of \$250 million in one-time funds to support the growth and placement of mental health support services in our most-at-risk schools.

We will seek private donations to grow this fund over time and use the earnings to make investments in mental health and our education system for years to come.

It is our expectation that Tennessee will lead the nation in bringing mental health support to our teachers and to our students, and we're very proud of that.

In previous years, we've led the nation in many respects, particularly in our student growth on our NAEP scores.

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That achievement is due to the hard work of many in this room, as well as leaders who've gone before us, and our hard-working teachers.

Right now, our biggest academic challenge for our students is literacy. Currently, only one-third of our third grade students are reading on grade level.

Years later, that results in nearly three out of four students who cannot read their high school level textbooks on the first day of school.

Literacy is the foundation for a student's educational journey.

And if we can't get early childhood literacy back on track, all of our other investments and work in education will be limited.

This year, I'm recommending a new, comprehensive approach to literacy.

I'm introducing legislation to establish new, clearer standards for the training of new teachers and the development of current teachers, grounded in the evidence and science of reading, with proven methods like phonics-based instruction.

We will ensure adequate supports and interventions for students before they reach the critical third-grade milestone.

But moving the needle on early childhood literacy is more than just talk - that's why I'm also proposing an additional investment of \$70 million to make sure teachers have what they need to accomplish the task at hand.

It's a partnership with districts that will include improved materials, ongoing professional development, and high-quality instructional tools for teachers in the classroom.

Fully funding the BEP growth, 4% teacher raises, Tennessee Teacher and Leader Institute, record investments in teacher recruitment, professional development, literacy training, and the K- 12 Mental Health Trust Fund, our total new dollars invested in the future of public education in the coming fiscal year will equal more than \$600 million.

So, when you're back home in your districts this year, if someone tells you we're not supporting public education, they're not telling the truth.

We're making these changes and these investments because we want our public schools to be excellent.

But, how will we know if we're succeeding?

On one hand, Tennessee moved up nine places on the NAEP in our best-performing area of math, and we avoided the national trend of backsliding on past gains.

On the other hand, the true measure of a successful education system is a cohort of high school graduates who are well-prepared to be productive citizens, whether they choose a career or college.

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To me, education isn't just about a test score.

Assessments are valuable tools, but if the adults in education are doing their job correctly, they won't just see academic statistics improve but, they'll see the most important stat of all:

That our students are prepared to become productive members of society, whether that's entering the workforce, attending college, or earning a high-quality industry certification.

This past year, we've placed special emphasis on career readiness.

I'm proud of the GIVE Act that this legislature approved last year, which allowed us to grant \$25 million to schools across our state who are helping young adults learn industry certification long before they ever have in the past.

This year, we launched 28 new work-based learning programs, 18 of which are in rural distressed counties.

Some of my favorite days as governor have been traveling to this state's rural counties and delivering a GIVE Grant to launch a new CTE program.

As I stand in a welding shop, looking into the eyes of students who, maybe for the first time, are excited about what they are doing at school.

I look at them and say, "You have a unique ability to connect your brain to your hands that a lot of students don't have."

I tell them, "We need you. We need your skills. Your communities need you."

And I say to them, "Stay in your rural county, and build it. Put those gifts and skills to work in your own backyard. We need you."

I'm also proud of the Future Workforce Initiative, which is adding 100 new middle school STEM programs by 2022 and tripling the number of STEM-designated schools in our state.

Through this work, we've seen a 100% increase in the number of schools applying to receive a STEM-designation.

I'm also proud of our Department of Labor and Workforce Development, who in partnership with the Trump Administration has launched new investments in youth apprenticeships.

Our workforce cabinet members have done a great job this year.

For the first time, state agencies who are involved in workforce development are beginning to pull in the same direction, and their work is already paying off.

The first outcome of that work will be next week's launch of ApprenticeshipTN, a new effort that will realign our approach to getting individuals back into the workplace.

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For those who do take advantage of our state's higher education excellent programs and schools, we want to make sure that high-quality facilities and standards await them to give them their best possible chance of success.

Last week, the Higher Education Commission released an update to our state's five-year Master Plan, shifting the focus from degrees to jobs.

We're moving forward with bold new goals like increasing by 10% the number of dual enrollment students and increasing by 20% the number of Tennessee degrees in computer science and data analytics.

In addition to large investments in our salary pool and our outcomes-based funding formula, I've set aside nearly \$160 million for capital improvements and \$70 million for capital maintenance projects on our college campuses across Tennessee.

For the time being, we must continue to produce highly skilled workers as fast as we can on whatever track we can, so that we can keep feeding the tremendous job growth that we've seen across Tennessee.

This year, I met with CEOs from South Korea to Silicon Valley, and everywhere in between. CEOs that are looking to invest in Tennessee because of our low-tax, conservative approach to government we've developed.

As I mentioned, more than 16,000 jobs have been created in Tennessee over the last year, but too few of them have been in our distressed and at-risk counties.

That's why I've instructed the Department of Economic and Community Development to raise the stakes when it comes to recruiting industry to rural areas.

I've directed ECD to restructure our incentive packages to companies considering locating in our 15 distressed counties and our 24 at-risk counties.

Speaking of our 15 distressed counties we have tonight, with us the mayors of those distressed counties. Please stand and be recognized - We're proud you're here. We're certainly grateful for the hardwork that you do in some of our most difficult yet some of our most remarkable areas in our state.

For the last several years, our strong economy has been feeding a very healthy budget, and the leaders in this room should be commended for their good stewardship.

Conservative principles work, and as I enter my second year as governor, I pledge to you to continue to lead our state in the direction of conservative fiscal management.

As you know, I asked each of our departments for a 1% budget cut last year, and they responded with cuts totaling 1.7% - \$91 million trimmed from our state budget.

A few months ago, I traveled to New York with our constitutional officers with Speaker Sexton to meet with bond rating agencies, sharing our story of fiscal responsibility and consistent results.

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And they rewarded our collective effort with a Triple-A bond rating from all three agencies, and we are one of only 13 states to achieve that.

Indeed, our economy is strong, and a rising tide lifts all boats.

And it's only fair that when the state is fiscally healthy, some of that money be returned to the taxpayers.

So tonight, I am announcing a proposal to cut the professional privilege tax in half and return \$40 million to individuals and small business owners who every year pay this arbitrary and unfair tax.

Indeed, the state is seeing strong economic times, but many of our local governments are struggling financially, and we certainly don't want to see local tax increases.

In many of the counties I have visited throughout the past year, community leaders almost always tell me about a particular project or an initiative that could transform their counties, if only they could find the funding.

And certainly, on many levels, local government knows better than we do how to direct resources.

For that reason, my budget proposal recommends \$100 million for local government grants to be divided among every county and every municipality across our state.

This money returned to states and counties can be used for one-time expenses such as road projects, I.T. upgrades, capital maintenance, utility system upgrades, and public safety projects.

Last year, we made the largest single contribution in our state's history to our Rainy-Day Fund, bringing the total to \$1.1 billion.

Very few states have minimal debt and a growing Rainy-Day Fund, and this year we're proposing making an additional \$50 million contribution, which is 20% more than the statutory requirement.

Even as we save for a rainy day in Nashville, we know as I said not all parts of our state are seeing the same success.

You might have heard that rural Tennessee is a priority of mine.

My first executive order focused the attention of state government on rural areas, I gathered our cabinet for the first-ever Governor's Rural Opportunity Summit and governors and leaders from our 15 distressed counties in Perry County.

Last year, we invested \$20 million in broadband expansion to increase services in rural areas that need it most, and this year I am pleased to announce a recommended additional \$25 million investment in broadband expansion.

Maria, this might be the year we get broadband on the farm.

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I'm also recommending \$20 million for ECD's Rural Opportunity Fund, which supports site development, main-street development, and critical infrastructure assistance for rural counties.

We expanded an incentive program in Tennessee medical schools that will grow the pipeline of primary care doctors locating in rural communities.

This year, we plan to do even more for rural Tennessee.

We're adding more than \$4 million for payment increases to rural health clinics and expanding access to dental care through the Department of Health and a new public-private partnership with SmileTN.

We're adding \$7 million to the Ag Enhancement program and an additional \$2 million for UT Extension Agents in distressed rural counties.

The Department of Tourism has created an Office of Rural Tourism, and we've set aside nearly \$2.4 million for their efforts to draw attention to beautiful parts of Tennessee that are off the beaten path.

We're making all these investments because, as our state's elected leaders, we must remain aware of serving every part and every person of our state.

That's why I've made criminal justice reform such a large priority, because every person in Tennessee wants and deserves to live in a safe neighborhood.

When properly implemented, criminal justice reforms save taxpayer dollars, shrink the size of government, properly punish wrongdoers, and make our communities safer.

Last year, we gave correctional officers a long-overdue pay raise to make Tennessee more competitive with other states.

We added basic education and CTE options for inmates on a path to reentry so that they would be better prepared for life on the outside.

This legislature passed each of our proposals last year, and I'm proud to bring again to you another set of proposals.

First and foremost, we must be tough on crime.

Last year, we cracked down on fentanyl traffickers, and this year I propose increasing the criminal penalties associated with theft of a firearm. I'm proposing increasing the penalties associated with reckless endangerment of a police officer or first responder.

But 95% of incarcerated individuals are not serving a life sentence, which means that one day they will leave prison and return to a community near you.

It's in the best interest of your family and your community that those individuals be prepared to make that reentry successfully, instead of returning to a life of crime.

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My Criminal Justice Investment Task Force recently issued 23 recommendations on how we can improve in these areas, and I want to thank the eight legislators in this room and many other Tennesseans who have given their time and energy to developing thoughtful recommendations.

This year, based on those recommendations, I plan to propose legislation that will improve our probation and parole systems.

First, we want to expand recovery courts so that veterans and those struggling with addiction or mental health challenges will have access to specialized supervision.

Second, we want to improve our use of community supervision, including at the end of a prison sentence.

Nearly 40% of those leaving our prisons do so with no oversight, and all too often those individuals are the very ones who need it most.

Third, we want to encourage those leaving prison to secure employment by revising the occupational licensing process and encouraging employers to hire the formerly incarcerated.

By drawing upon evidence-based best practices proven, we are confident that outcomes for those on community supervision will improve, and our communities will be safer.

We need to be sure that these individuals are prepared to re-enter society and not re-enter prison.

Another way that we're preparing individuals to leave prison is through the recently created Volunteer Mentorship Initiative.

We launched in the Fall, and already more than two dozen inmates have been matched with legislators and members of our staff to begin thinking about what life looks like at the end of their prison sentence.

Our second round of mentors have just been matched, and they will go through their orientation in the next few weeks.

But what's really exciting, it that hundreds of Tennesseans have reached out to express interest in becoming mentors, and we will be including them in this process very soon.

And by the way, if you want to be a mentor in this process, you can sign up on my website. I'd like to talk about just one other public safety budget item we're proposing.

For many Tennesseans, the only interaction they have with their government is the Driver Services Division at the Department of Safety.

Tennesseans deserve to have great interactions with their state government, and I have asked our Department of Safety to take steps to improve experiences at our Drivers Service Centers.

I am proposing 80 additional positions and funding to assist in decreasing wait times for our customers as they answer the federal mandate to obtain a REAL ID.

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Another issue that impacts every single person in this state is health care.

Last year, we added \$3.5 million to the Health Care Safety Net specifically designed to help provide direct care to uninsured adults.

This year, I'm proposing an additional \$6.5 million recurring to this program.

The resulting \$17 million in total annual funding would be the highest of any year since the program started in 2005.

We're also setting aside more than \$7.5 million to create a Children's Behavioral Health Safety Net.

This initiative will work to ensure that no child in need of critical behavioral health services is unable to access them.

Solving our health care challenges requires more than just increased funding - we have to be innovative and thoughtful as well.

Because of the encouragement of this legislature, I'm proud that Tennessee was the first state in America to apply for a Medicaid block grant from the federal government.

Tennessee runs the most efficient Medicaid system in the country, and the result is that we are one of only a few states who underspend the federal government's estimate for what it should cost to cover our Medicaid population.

Our proposal to the federal government is that we get to share those savings and spend that money to cover more services and more people.

While we do not yet know whether this proposal will be accepted, I am confident that what we've proposed would be a good deal for Tennesseans if it's accepted and that no Tennessean would be worse off if it is.

Under the proposed budget, my Administration will fund the third year of the Rural Hospital Transformation Program.

And this time next year, we'll be in a position to consider recommendations from the Health Care Modernization Task Force.

Throughout this year, Commissioner McWhorter held multiple listening sessions across the state to better understand the concerns and priorities of patients, providers, and payers.

Building on that foundation, they are moving ahead to find innovative solutions to find ways that our state can better provide access to quality health care that all Tennesseans can afford.

Why is it that we would make these investments in education, criminal justice, and health care? Because each of these items help us build what we're really going after: free and thriving citizens within healthy families and communities.

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I'm proud that under our proposal Tennessee would become the first state in America to offer 12 weeks of paid family leave to eligible state employees who experience a significant life event.

I'm proud of our state workers and offering them this benefit will help us continue to retain the best and brightest and help those who help our state.

This budget also proposes changes to our TennCare program that will benefit young families. We know infant mortality and maternal health are challenges for our state. One in two Tennessee births are covered in our Medicaid program.

That's why we're proposing two new initiatives to expand prenatal and postpartum coverage for our TennCare recipients.

First, we are launching a three-year pilot plan to extend postpartum coverage to 12 months for mothers covered by TennCare.

We're also expanding preventive dental services to mothers on TennCare.

My proposal would provide dental and oral benefit to pregnant women who do not currently receive dental benefits during the time of pregnancy through 60 days post-delivery.

This will support improved health outcomes and save dollars for both mother and child.

For me, one of the most important things we can do to be pro-family is to protect the rights of the most vulnerable in our state, and there is none more vulnerable than the unborn.

I've proposed legislation that would defend and protect the life of an unborn baby from the time their heartbeat can be detected.

I want to share a personal story that has strengthened my resolve in this very important subject. A few months ago, my son and his wife had identical twin baby girls, delivered months before they were due, at a time when most babies their size would still be in their mother's womb.

When I walked into the neonatal intensive care unit, I stared with wonder at a 1lb 5oz baby girl with tubes and cords and monitors, fighting for her life.

As I watched little Annie, I was reminded once again that every life is precious.

Every life is precious, and we will support pro-life policy in this state because everything precious is worth protecting.

My first year as governor has been the most enlightening of my life.

At my age, I thought I'd seen it all, but this job provides a new perspective on our state, on its people, and on our common challenges.

I've been to every county in this state at least three times now.

I've seen a lot - some days my heart swells, glad to see a community thriving or a program working.

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Other days my heart breaks, frustrated with the failures of an imperfect system and wishing that we could do more.

But if I could say one thing to my fellow Tennesseans as I enter my second year as governor, it would be this: I see you.

To the farmer standing in a flooded field in west Tennessee, looking over a ruined crop - I see you.

*To the single mom who is taking a TCAT class at night, trying to give your family a new opportunity
- I see you.*

To the young girl with great potential and even greater dreams, stuck in a school that doesn't meet your needs - I see you.

For the police officer putting your life on the line, or a crime victim who has been harmed by a broken justice system - I see you.

To these and the rest of the 6.8 million Tennesseans; you don't expect government to solve all your problems, but you do expect to get what you pay for - I see you.

We see you.

And we will keep striving to bring good jobs, and good schools, and safe neighborhoods to every corner of this state, because that's what you elected us to do, and that's what you deserve.

As we conclude tonight, let's be reminded that the walls around us are the walls of history. Remarkable men and women have accomplished much in this very building.

In fact, one of the most important decisions in the fabric of our nation was resolved 100 years ago right here.

On August 18, 1920, the Tennessee General Assembly voted to approve the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which enshrined for women the constitutional right to vote.

Even then, 100 years ago, Tennessee was leading the nation, casting the deciding vote in that revolutionary decision.

In this very chamber, the course of American history was changed.

I mentioned that earlier much of our success is owed to those who came before us. Many of those trailblazers are women.

Our state and our country have thrived in large part due to the pivotal role played by women in society and in government.

Can you believe that was just 100 years ago?

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History is funny that way - what seems inevitable now would have seemed far from it to those engaged in the day to day struggle for suffrage.

One hundred years later our struggles are certainly different.

But as we celebrate the centennial of Tennessee's role in ratifying the 19th Amendment this year, what I hope we remember is this: the long arc of history remembers fondly when leaders do the right thing, especially when it's hard, especially when the politics of the day don't offer any rewards.

And my hope is this: that history records that we were leaders who worked together, who stood firm in our individual convictions but who remembered that differences should not divide us.

Rather, they challenge us to take the higher, harder road of understanding, respect, and of common purpose.

God has given us great favor and blessed us with a great responsibility to affect positive change for our families, for our communities, and our state.

May we pursue the challenges before us with grace, and humility, and courage. Some 6.8 million Tennesseans are counting on us to do just that.

Let's make them proud.

Thank you, and God bless the great state of Tennessee.

GAVEL TO SPEAKER SEXTON

President Dunn relinquished the gavel to Speaker Sexton.

Thereupon, the purpose for which the Joint Convention was called having been accomplished, Mr. President Sexton declared the Joint Convention dissolved.